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## REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

## **Formal Matters**

Claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 are pending.

Claims 1-16, 19-23 and 26 were examined. Claims 13 was rejected. Claims 1-12, 14-16, 19-23 and 26 were allowed.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.

## **The Office Action**

In the Official Action of July 13, 2006, claim 13 was rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 42-45 of U.S. Patent No. 5,730,757. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's position and do not acquiesce thereto, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer in order to obviate this ground of rejection and place the instant application into condition for allowance.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks and the submission of the terminal disclaimer, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 13 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 42-45 of U.S. Patent No. 5,730,757, as being no longer appropriate.

## Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number GUID-006CON5.

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